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TAGS: PFOR GH SF US

SUB: PRESS REPORTS SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION IN ANGOLA AT U.S.

INITIATION

1. BOTH GOVERNMENT-OWNED MORNING NEWSPAPERS IN ACCRA TUESDAY PICKED UP NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW WITH VORSTER AND PLATED IT WITH EXCEEDINGLY DAMAGING HEADLINES. ANTI-U.S. "GHANAIAAN TIMES" GAVE PAGE ONE BANNER HEAD TO "U.S. FORCED PRETORIA TO INVADE ANGOLA" WITH LEADER READING "VORSTER CONFESSES AT LAST". LESS DEMONSTRATIVE "DAILY GRAPHI", IN MAJOR HEAD ON SECOND PAGE SAID "U.S. FORCED US INTO ANGOLA, SAYS RACIST VORSTER".

2. TIMES ALSO CARRIES EDITORIAL WHICH TALKS OF "THE PERVERSE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES" AND ACCUSES THE U.S. OF CASTING THE "SPECTRE OF COMMUNISM... TO JUSTIFY DIRECT INTERVENTION". TAKING NOTE OF VOGATER'S ALLEGED ALLEGATION THAT SIX AFRICAN LEADERS ALSO SUPPORTED THE SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE, THE TIMES ASKS  
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"WHO ARE THE SIX? HAD PROVIDENCE NOT PROVIDED AN ALIBI (ALL

CAPS) FOR GHANA WHO WOULD BELIEVE HER INNOCENCE?" WITH IN-  
REFERENCE CLEAR THAT SIX WERE COUNTRIES SECRETARY VISITED.

3.ON TOP OF ALL PREVIOUS ANTI-U.S. MATTER APPEARING IN  
MEDIA HERE THIS LATEST STORY MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR POST TO WORK  
WITH MODERATES HERE ON ANGOLA ISSUE, ON ABORTED KISSINGER VISIT,  
AND ON PROPOSALS PUT FORTH DURING TRIP.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY STATEMENT OR TALKING POINTS  
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE WHICH WIML ENABLE POST TO COUNTER  
THIS VERY SERIOUS CHARGE ALLEGEDLY MADE BY VORSTER  
WHO IS CONSIDERED HERE AS THE DEVIL INCARNATE.  
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